

REMARKS

Claims 2-6, 8, 10-16, and 20-29 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 7, 9, 10, and 17-19 have been canceled.

Claims 2-6, 8, 11, and 14 have been amended.

Claims 20-29 have been added.

The amendment of Claims 2-6, 8, 10-11, and 14 and the addition of new Claims 20-29 is supported by the original claims as filed. The amendment of Claim 6 is further supported by previously pending Claim 6 and 7. The amendment of Claim 8 is further supported by previously pending Claim 8 and 9. The amendment of Claim 10 is further supported by previously pending Claims 8 and 10.

The amendment to the specification serves to correct a minor typographical error on page 3, lines 6-7 of the specification. The Japanese Patent Application number has been corrected to read "8-259453" instead of "8-219453." All evidence to support this amendment were submitted in the parent application (U.S. Application No. 09/922,694) on October 29, 2001.

No new matter is believed to have been added by these amendments.

New Application
Preliminary Amendment

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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